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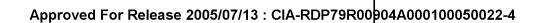
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- 1. The proposed program of ME's has been fully coordinated within CIA and with the IAC representatives. It has also taken into account the informally expressed views of State and Defense members of the NEC Planning Bound, and the NEC Staff.
- 2. We anticipate only one problem at the IAC. The Air Force proposed at the IAC representatives' meeting the concellation of the estimate on Seviet Air Defence Capabilities. The IAC at its last meeting had overruled a similar Air Force proposal and the consensus of the IAC representatives was that they did not have the authority to overrule the IAC.
 - 3. The Air Force position is that:
 - g. This subject is colely within the competence of the Air Force.
 - b. The subject has been edequately covered in a recently completed and detailed joint A-2/000 paper on this subject.
- 4. We feel that this subject is a national intelligence problem because:
 - Soviet air defense capabilities are one of the critical factors in any estimate of Soviet intentions.
 - h. The economic and eciontific supporting date for any estimate on this subject are not the exclusive compotence of the military.
 - g. Sowiet oir defense capabilities are a critical factor in the determination of the continental defense aspects of national security policy.

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